

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

The invention relates to an An osteosynthetic device in the form of an intramedullary nail with a longitudinal shape, a central axis, a first end, and a second end. The device is helically shaped.

Please amend paragraph [0027] to read as follows:

Another embodiment of the invention is represented in Fig. 2. It differs from the embodiment of Fig. 1 in that the cross-section orthogonal to the central axis 5 is rectangular, i.e., the helix is made of a flattened rod. In particular, the cross-section 6 orthogonal to the central axis 5 of the helix is essentially a rectangle with the sides a and b, the larger side b being oriented to the outer and inner side of the helix. Instead of a rectangular shape, the cross-section could have an ellipsoidal shape, where a/2 and b/2 would be the half-axes of the ellipse. The ratio of a:b should be smaller than 0.5, preferably smaller than 0.35. The rod may be provided with at least two, or preferably three, holes 7 for locking screws.